

## **Surrogate's Court Procedure Act § 1601. Legislative declaration of purpose**

It is the intent and purpose of this article that ancillary administration shall be granted in this state only when there is an actual administration in the domiciliary jurisdiction. If the law of such jurisdiction does not provide for the appointment of a fiduciary but vests the property of a decedent in a person or persons subject to the obligation to pay the decedent's debts and expenses and the legacies bequeathed in his will or the distributive shares provided by law, such a person shall be recognized as the person acting therein to administer the decedent's estate in accordance with the law thereof, but only if such person has complied with all the requirements of such jurisdiction to entitle him to receive the property of the decedent and is acting or will act there to administer the estate.

## **Surrogate's Court Procedure Act § 1607. Ancillary letters of administration**

1. Upon petition as provided in 1609 and upon proof that letters of administration of the estate of a decedent have been issued by a competent court in the decedent's domicile or upon proof that under the law of that jurisdiction letters of administration are not granted but that a person is acting in that jurisdiction to administer the decedent's estate in accordance with the law thereof, the court may issue ancillary letters of administration. In a case where the court has theretofore issued original or ancillary letters or there is pending before the court an application therefor, the court shall take such proceedings as justice requires.

2. The court shall issue ancillary letters of administration to the following persons in the following order:

- (a) The person appointed administrator in the domiciliary jurisdiction or the person acting in that jurisdiction to administer the decedent's estate in accordance with the law thereof.
- (b) A person entitled to original letters of administration under this act.

3. If no person named in any subparagraph of subdivision 2 is willing to qualify or to designate a person eligible to receive ancillary letters they shall issue to a person in the succeeding subparagraph of such subdivision who will qualify or to a person designated by him who is eligible to receive letters.